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**DOVER PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
SPAULDING TURNPIKE (NH ROUTE 16) IMPROVEMENTS
3.5 MILES FROM EXIT 1 IN NEWINGTON TO EXIT 6 IN DOVER**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will hold a joint Public Hearing in Dover on September 21 in association with proposed highway and bridge improvements to a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route 16) in Newington and Dover.

These proposed improvements along the 3.5-mile corridor involve the widening of the Spaulding Turnpike, including the widening and reconstruction of the Little Bay Bridges, from just north of the Exit 1 Interchange in Newington to the Dover Toll Plaza just north of the Exit 6 Interchange in Dover. Eight lanes are proposed between Exits 3 and 6, with six lanes proposed south of Exit 3 and north of Exit 6. Also included are the consolidation and proposed improvements to the interchanges along the Spaulding Turnpike from Exit 2 through Exit 6.

The Joint Public Hearing involving the NHDOT, the NH Department of Environmental Services, the Special Committee appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, the Federal Highway Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers will be held Thursday, September 21, 2006 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 196 Dover Point Road in Dover at 7:00 pm. This hearing provides an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the proposed project and a wetland permit application. Plans will be available for public inspection from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.